

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

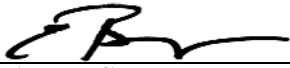
WILLIAM LEONARD PICKARD,)	
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Plaintiff(s),)	No. C 06-0185 CRB (PR)
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v.)	ORDER
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT)	(Doc # 15)
OF JUSTICE,)	
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Defendant(s).)	
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Plaintiff's various discovery requests (see, e.g., doc # 15) are DENIED as premature. The court will not entertain discovery motions/requests unless the parties first comply with the meet-and-confer requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Court's Local Rules. See, e.g., Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a) (motion to compel must include a certification that the movant has in good faith conferred or attempted to confer with the party not making the disclosure in an effort to secure the disclosure without court action); Civ. L. R. 37-1 (same). In view of plaintiff's incarceration, the parties may satisfy the meet-and-confer requirements by letter or telephone conversation. Cf. Civil L. R. 1-5(n) ("meet and confer" or "confer" means to communicate directly and discuss in good faith the issue(s); mere sending of a written, electronic or voice-mail communication

1 does not satisfy a requirement to “meet and confer” or to “confer;” requirement
2 can be satisfied only through direct dialogue and discussion – either in a face to
3 face meeting or in a telephone conversation).

4 SO ORDERED.

5 DATED: July 20, 2006


6 CHARLES R. BREYER
7 United States District Judge
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